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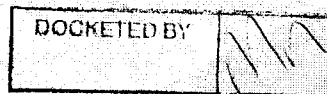
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Ms. Kristin Mayes, Chairwoman
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
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Dear Chairwoman Mayes:

I have followed the proposed SSVEC line corridor (Sonoita Reliability Project) in eastern Santa Cruz County for over a year. Within this time period, we have elected a new president of our nation, 3 new members of the Arizona Corporation Commission and a new chairman of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors. I believe there has been a visionary change in how we want our nation, state and county to generate and utilize electricity, by the elected officials referenced above and the constituency who elected us to office last fall. What is occurring in Sonoita is an expression of the public's desire to see our energy policy not only change, but also a willingness by our citizens to participate in that change. Sonoita presents us with an opportunity to move our energy policy in a more sustainable direction, if we listen to the desires of our constituents and provide them with an opportunity to participate in this change.

I have asked SSVEC (letter dated 8/15/09 to Creden Huber, CEO, SSVEC) to consider all options for more reliable energy service for the Sonoita/Elgin area of Santa Cruz County prior to the installation of this new power line corridor. It has become apparent to me that generation of power at the local level is an option that has merit and considerable community support; however, for some reason SSVEC seems content to continue with this new line corridor, at considerable expense to the coop's rate payers, and import power generated from coal and or natural gas, from other areas of the region.

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I am requesting the ACC order a 2 year moratorium on the construction of the proposed eastern Santa Cruz County power line corridor (Sonoita Reliability Project). The construction of this line is one reason SSVEC is requesting a rate increase and therefore, discussion of this project is warranted during the rate increase request.

Sonoita area residents, given 2 years, could begin generating the additional energy needed locally. Upgrade to existing lines, during this period, would undoubtedly lead to a more reliable local power grid, and it would be far less costly than the additional new infrastructure proposed.

I believe the request to reconsider local generation has merit because of the cost associated with the proposed Sonoita Reliability Project. It is, as stated above, directly related to the request for a rate increase as proposed by SSVEC.

Most respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John Maynard', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large loop at the end.

John Maynard, Chairman
Santa Cruz County
Board of Supervisors